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AIR FREIGHT RISES 2.5% IN NOVEMBER

WASHINGTON, D.C., December 31 — Air freight rose 2.5 percent in November, compared with November, 1984, and was down 7.5 percent for the first 11 months of the year, according to data from 22 airlines reporting cargo traffic to the Air Transport Association.

Domestic air freight in November was up 0.9 percent. Mail was up 2.1 percent. Total domestic air cargo, including freight and mail, increased 1.2 percent.

In international air freight service in November, the U.S. airlines reported a gain of 4.4 percent. Mail was up 2.2 percent. Total cargo rose 4.1 percent.

Domestic air freight in the first 11 months fell 9.7 percent. Mail rose 3.0 percent, and total cargo was down 6.9 percent.

International air freight for U.S. carriers in the first 11 months declined 4.7 percent. Mail volume fell 1.1 percent. Total cargo was down 4.2 percent.

CARGO FLOWN IN SCHEDULED DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

U.S. AIRLINE INDUSTRY

REVENUE TON-MILES
(In Thousands)

	DOMESTIC OPERATIONS			INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS			TOTAL FREIGHT	TOTAL CARGO
	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL		
NOVEMBER 1985	312,523	94,538	407,061	283,641	45,589	329,230	596,164	736,291
NOVEMBER 1984	309,818	92,610	402,428	271,683	44,601	316,284	581,501	718,712
PERCENT CHANGE	0.9	2.1	1.2	4.4	2.2	4.1	2.5	2.4
11 MONTHS 1985	3,156,133	1,018,675	4,174,808	2,502,486	369,937	2,872,423	5,658,619	7,047,231
11 MONTHS 1984	3,494,012	989,458	4,483,470	2,625,151	374,222	2,999,373	6,119,163	7,482,843
PERCENT CHANGE	(9.7)	3.0	(6.9)	(4.7)	(1.1)	(4.2)	(7.5)	(5.8)

NOTE: Carriers included: AirCal, Alaska, Aloha, American, Braniff, Continental, Delta, Eastern, Federal Express, Flying Tiger, Frontier, Hawaiian, Northwest, Ozark, Pan American, Piedmont, PSA, Republic, Trans World, United, USAir and Western.